Minutes

Forney City Council Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Forney, Texas 75126

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Penn called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Mayor Mary Penn and Council Members James Traylor, Robbie Powers, Kevin Moon, Derald Cooper and David Johnson. There is a vacancy in Place 2. Also present was Interim City Manager Karl Zook.

II. INVOCATION - COUNCIL MEMBER ROBBIE POWERS

III. PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by CWD of their 2020 Annual Review.

Greg Roemer, President of CWD, gave a short presentation of their 2020 events. Roemer stated that the growth of Forney, in addition to the pandemic, along with the ice storm, has caused a large increase in tonnage and their workers are working a lot of overtime to collect the waste. Roemer reminded everyone about their Hazardous Household Waste program. They conduct it monthly and pick up electronics in addition to the hazardous wastes. If someone needs items to be picked up they should contact CWD and a door-side collection driver will pick up the material. Each year CWD gifts the City with an item that is made of recycled materials. This year it is a picnic table.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2021, City Council meeting.

Mayor Penn asked if Council had any changes to the Minutes. There being no changes, Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Moon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2021, City Council meeting and Council Member Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Council Member.

- 1. Consider approval of the acceptance of public improvements for the Grayhawk Phase 4 development project.
- 2. Consider approval of a final plat for the Forney ISD Middle and Intermediate School, located north of F.M. 740 and west of Ranch Road.
- 3. Consider approval of a final plat for the Van Trust Gateway Industrial Addition, located south of U.S. Highway 80 and east of S. Gateway Boulevard.

- 4. Consider approval of a final plat for Windmill Farms Phase 6B.
- 5. Consider approval of a preliminary plat for First Presbyterian Church, located at 12433 FM 1641.
- 6. Consider approval of a revised site plan for First Presbyterian Church, located at 12433 FM 1641.
- 7. Consider approval of a preliminary plat for Lots 1 & 2, Block 1, Platform 80-20 Addition, located northwest of the County Road 212 and S. Gateway Boulevard intersection.
- 8. Consider approval of a right-of-way plat for Innovation Boulevard.
- Consider approval of a site plan for Forney Marketplace Lot 3 & 4, located north of U.S. Highway 80 and west of Marketplace Boulevard.
- 10. Consider approval of a site plan for Wildwood Blvd, located north of U.S. Highway 80 and Trailhouse Lane.
- 11. Consider approval of the Forney Industrial final plat, consisting of 101.833 acres located south of U.S. Highway 80 and Clements Drive.

Mayor Penn asked if Council wanted to pull any items for discussion. Council Member Johnson stated that he has a comment regarding Consent Agenda Item No. 4 for public information purposes. This property is in our ETJ. The Developer did not renew the Development Agreement with the City. We cannot dictate home or lot size. All we can do is approve construction standards. We have no option but to approve this item.

Council Member Traylor had a question regarding Consent Agenda Item No. 7. He wanted to know what kind of zoning this property has. Community Development Director Peter Morgan advised that it is a Planned Development District with Light Industrial uses. Similar to projects in that area.

Mayor Penn called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Traylor made a motion to approve the entire Consent Agenda and Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS / ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of a replat for the Forney Business Center Addition, located on East Main Street between Center Street and South Chestnut Street.

Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. PSA Engineering, representing the property owner, requests approval of a replat for Lot 1R, Block 47, Forney Business Center Addition No. 1. The property is adjacent to the contractor's office operated by Phillips Electric. The purpose of the request is to establish a new fire lane and utility easement to serve a new building.

Current Standards:

The property consists of 1.06 acres of land. The property is currently vacant and undeveloped. This property is zoned General Retail District which permits a contractor office to operate without any outside storage.

Replat:

The replat consists of one (1) lot and 1.06 acres of land. The plat is designed in compliance with the City of Forney Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the City of Forney Subdivision Ordinance. The replat is designed in accordance with all of the requirements for platting a property.

Recommendation:

On April 8, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Mayor Penn opened the public hearing, but no one came forward to address the Council. Mayor Penn closed the public hearing. There was no discussion. Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the replat and Council Member Moon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

2. Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance for a Conditional Use Permit for All Terrain Vehicle Dealer/Sales and Personal Watercraft Sales to operate at 117 E. U.S. Highway 80. [Read Ordinance Caption]

Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. RideNow Powersports requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit. The purpose of the request is to revise a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow for the expansion of the existing RideNow Powersports business.

Current Standards:

The property consists of 3.82 acres of land in the General Retail zoning district. RideNow Powersports currently operates on the property under a previously approved (April 18, 2017) Conditional Use Permit for all terrain vehicle dealer/sales.

Proposed Use:

The application letter states that the applicant would like to expand by adding a new 13,500 square foot addition. The new stucco building is proposed to be located directly to the west of the existing building, fronting on U.S. Highway 80.

The site plan shows that portions of the rear of the property are proposed to be used for unloading, storage and additional parking. The far rear section of the property will remain vacant. Masonry screening will be provided adjacent to the residential properties at the rear.

Zoning Ordinance Considerations:

When considering applications for a Conditional Use Permit, Section 34b of the City of Forney Zoning Ordinance provides the following considerations for the City Council:

- 1. The proposed use at the specified location is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies contained in the adopted Comprehensive Plan;

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- 2. The proposed use is consistent with the general purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district regulations;

- 3. The proposed use meets all supplemental standards specifically applicable to the use as set forth in Article V of this Ordinance;
- 4. The proposed use is compatible with and preserves the character and integrity of adjacent development and neighborhoods and, as required by the particular circumstances, includes improvements or modifications either on-site or within the public rights-of-way to mitigate development-related adverse impacts, including but not limited to:
 - a. Adequate ingress and egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to vehicular and pedestrian safety and convenience, and access in case of fire;
 - b. Off-street parking and loading areas;
 - c. Refuse and service areas;
 - d. Utilities with reference to location, availability, and compatibility;
 - e. Screening and buffering, features to minimize visual impacts, and/or setbacks from adjacent uses;
 - f. Control of signs, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district;
 - g. Required yards and open space;
 - h. Height and bulk of structures;
 - i. Hours of operation;
 - j. Exterior construction material and building design; and
 - k. Roadway adjustments, traffic control devices or mechanisms, and access restrictions to control traffic flow or divert traffic as may be needed to reduce or eliminate development- generated traffic on neighborhood streets.
- 5. The proposed use is not materially detrimental to public health, safety, convenience and welfare, or results in material damage or prejudice to other property in the vicinity.

Accessibility:

The property provides existing access to U.S. Highway 80.

Notification:

Notification was provided in the newspaper and to property owners within two-hundred feet (200') of the property. As of this writing, staff has received no public comment regarding this request.

Future Requirements:

If approved (including the site plan), future development of the property will require approval of:

1. Building Plans (staff approved)

Recommendation:

On April 8, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Mayor Penn opened the public hearing, but no one came forward to address the Council. Council stated that they are glad they are doing well and it is good to see positive growth. The applicant stated that they have grown with Forney. There will be 34 additional parking spaces added. Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the

Ordinance and Council Member Cooper seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING FROM GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GR) USES WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE DEALER/SALES TO GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GR) USES WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE DEALER/SALES AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SALES, TO OPERATE AS A PRIMARY USE ON APPROXIMATELY 3.82 ACRES OF LAND IN THE JOHN GREGG SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 171, WHICH PROPERTY IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 113 E. U.S. HIGHWAY 80 AND 117 E. U.S. HIGHWAY 80, IN THE CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

3. Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance to rezone 60.233 acres to a Planned Development with a base zoning district designated as Light Industrial. The property is located south of U.S. Highway 80, north of S. Gateway Boulevard and west of County Road 212.

Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Platform 80-20, LP, requests approval to zone approximately 60.233 acres of property. The purpose of the zoning is to establish planned development zoning standards for the light industrial development of the property.

Current Standards:

The property consists of 60.233 acres of land. The majority of the property was annexed and zoned in the light industrial district by City Council on January 19, 2021. This request adds additional acreage and requests to establish a planned development district with a base zoning district of light industrial. Access to the property is provided by C.R. 212. The Amazon FTW5 facility is being constructed to the east of the property and the Gateway Parks residential subdivision is located to the south of the property.

Planned Development:

The requested zoning establishes a Planned Development District with Light Industrial remaining as the base zoning district for the property. The application letter states that the zoning request is to facilitate the eventual development and construction of warehouse and distribution uses.

The proposed development regulations are consistent with a development agreement approved by City Council on April 6, 2021:

- 1. Distribution center is a permitted use;
- 2. Manufacturing as the primary use requires approval of a conditional use permit;
- 3. Maximum building height of fifty-five feet (55');
- Minimum required off-street parking for storage or warehousing, and light manufacturing uses shall be 1 space for every 2,000 square feet of total floor area;
- 5. Commercial trucks shall not be allowed to park or cause stacking of trucks to occur on a public roadway, including CR 212; and

6. Required screening (adjacent to Gateway Parks) shall be constructed of masonry (concrete, brick or stone) or masonry-emulating materials (cast concrete, formed panels, and opaque panelized fence products).

Accessibility:

The property has direct access to C.R. 212.

Comprehensive Plan:

The 2016 Comprehensive Plan does not provide a future land use designation for the property.

Zoning Ordinance Considerations:

The City of Forney Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance provides the following factors for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council to consider in making a zoning determination:

- Whether the uses permitted by the proposed change will be appropriate in the immediate area concerned, and their relationship to the general area and to the City as a whole;
- 2. Whether the proposed change is in accord with any existing or proposed plans for providing public school, streets, water supply, sanitary sewers, and other utilities to the area;
- 3. The amount of vacant land currently classified for similar development in the vicinity and elsewhere in the City, and any special circumstances which may make a substantial part of such vacant land unavailable for development;
- 4. The recent rate at which land is being developed in the same zoning classification as the request, particularly in the vicinity of the proposed change;
- 5. How other areas designated for similar development will be, or are likely to be, affected if the proposed amendment is approved; and
- 6. Any other factors which will substantially affect the public health, safety, morals or general welfare.

Public Notification:

Staff provided notification of this public hearing to adjacent property owners and the notice was published in the Forney Messenger. Staff did not receive any public comment.

Recommendation:

On April 8, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Mayor Penn opened the public hearing but no one came forward to address the Council, so Mayor Penn closed the public hearing. Morgan stated that the surrounding area is generally warehouses. Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Moon made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Council Member Powers seconded the motion. The Ordinance caption was read as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORNEY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1085, AND MAP, AS AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON APPROXIMATELY 60.233-ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE A. HYER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 203, CITY OF FORNEY, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM AG-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND PD-PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT, WITH A BASE ZONING DISTRICT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT, WITH A BASE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATED AS LI – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

VII. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

 Discuss and consider approval of a site plan for the Platform 80-20, located west of the County Road 212 and S. Gateway Boulevard intersection.

Community Development Director Peter Morgan discussed this item. Mr. Brad R. Williams requests approval of a site plan for the Platform 80-20. The purpose of the site plan is to establish the site design for the light industrial development of the property.

Current Standards:

The property consists of 60.233 acres of land. The majority of the property was annexed and zoned in the light industrial district by City Council on January 19, 2021. A request to zone the property to planned development has been submitted for consideration.

The majority of the property is vacant and undeveloped, with some residential structures adjacent to C.R.212. Access to the property is provided by C.R. 212. The Amazon FTW5 facility is being constructed to the east of the property and the Gateway Parks residential subdivision is located to the south of the property.

Site Plan:

The site plan is designed in accordance with the proposed planned development zoning conditions and shows that two buildings are proposed on the property. Building 1 is 430,920 square feet and Building 2 is 512,604 square feet. The two buildings share access points. The two buildings would have separate parking/loading areas and the building elevation plan shows that the buildings are designed to be forty- seven feet (47') in height.

The language in the proposed PD Amendment states that required screening (adjacent to the Gateway Parks residential subdivision) shall be constructed of masonry (concrete, brick or stone), or masonry- emulating materials (e.g., cast concrete, formed panels, and opaque panelized fence products).

The landscape plan shows that the quantity of trees is provided in accordance with the parking and street frontage requirements. All other design elements comply with the proposed Platform 80-20 Planned Development.

Accessibility:

The property provides direct access to County Road 212.

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Recommendation:

On April 8, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval.

Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Moon made a motion to approve the site plan and Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

2. Discuss and consider a Resolution setting a public hearing under Section 372.009 of the Texas Local Government Code on the advisability of the creation of a public improvement district and improvements within the City of Forney for the Bellagio residential development, authorizing the issuance of notice by the City Secretary of Forney, Texas regarding the public hearing.

City Attorney Jon Thatcher discussed this item. In accordance with the Bellagio Development Agreement, the developer has submitted a petition to the City to create the Bellagio Public Improvement District (PID). The petition is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A. Before the City Council can create the PID, it must hold a public hearing after 15 days' publication notice. The form of the notice is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit B. This resolution does not create the PID. It only accepts the developer's petition and provides for the scheduling of the public hearing and publishing of the notice. The resolution sets the public hearing for May 18, 2021. After the hearing, the Council will consider a separate resolution creating the PID. Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

Mayor Penn called for a motion. Council Member Traylor made a motion to approve the Resolution and Council Member Moon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy. Council Member Moon stated that he thinks this is great for the City.

VIII. OPEN FORUM/CITIZEN COMMENTS

This is the public's opportunity to address the City Council on any matter related to the City. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.042, the City Council cannot discuss, consider, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. The City Council will receive citizen comments on non-agenda items, and if necessary, may refer the matter to City staff for research, resolution or referral to Council on a future agenda. As described in the City's Public Meeting Procedures, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Mayor Penn opened the floor to anyone in the audience who wanted to address the Council on any matter not on tonight's agenda. No one came forward to address the Council, so Mayor Penn closed the open forum session.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

THE CITY MANAGER WILL DISCUSS CURRENT CITY ACTIVITIES, UPCOMING MEETINGS, FUTURE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

Interim City Manager Karl Zook thanked the Council for the opportunity to be the Interim City Manager, but is glad it is for a short time.

Council Member Johnson told Zook to get with Neil regarding the maintenance of our medians. 741 is bad. There is major work to be done. Zook stated that he has Public Works and Kyle's group helping. With regard to the Quiet Zone, he heard from the Federal Railroad Commission that there is a problem with 548 with a driveway that was put in. Nothing new and still no date to expect it to be reinstated.

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 419 Council Member Moon asked if Zook was getting Carson's email. Zook advised that he was.

Mayor Penn stated we need more promotion on the website about Movies in the Park.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.0415 TEX. GOV'T CODE, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE A REPORT ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST DURING A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY WITHOUT HAVING GIVEN NOTICE OF THE REPORT. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST INCLUDE:

Council Member Traylor had no comments.

Council Member Powers had no comments.

Council Member Moon thanked Karl for stepping in. He thanked Staff and Police and Fire for their hard work. He thanked everyone that came out tonight for being here.

Council Member Cooper had no comments.

Council Member Johnson stated it is nice to be back in open meetings. We need to be sure to keep our protocols up. He appreciates Staff and they are doing an excellent job. He has known Charles for 36 years and is looking forward to him being here.

Mayor Penn thanked Karl. She thanked Staff for their hard work and for being a team. Be sure to vote.

Mayor Penn announced that Council would now adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and asked for a motion. Council Member Cooper made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer and/or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071).
 - a. PUC Docket No. 47814; SOAH Docket No. 46-18-1344.WS Petition of High Point Water Supply Corporation, Talty Special Utility District and Markout Water Supply Corporation Appealing the Decision by the City of Forney Affecting Wholesale Water Rates.
 - b. Claim by Mica Lunt

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XII. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council returned to Chambers at 9:09 p.m. Mayor Penn called for a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session at that time. Council Member Traylor made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session and Council Member Moon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

Mayor Penn announced that there was no action to be taken as a result of Executive Session. Mayor Penn then called for a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn and Council Member Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes and 1 vacancy.

ATTEST:

Dorothy Brooks City Secretary

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Mary Penn,